



Proclamation

WHEREAS, An estimated **13,700 Texas** women will be diagnosed with **breast cancer** in **2003**, and about **2,600** women will die of the disease. Nationally, **breast cancer** is the most common form of cancer in women.

WHEREAS, Research shows that **breast cancer** mortality could be reduced by at least **30 percent** if women followed recommended **breast cancer screening guidelines**.

WHEREAS, All women have a chance of developing **breast cancer**. Women 50 or older are the most likely to develop breast cancer... **African American** women are the most likely to die of breast cancer than any other group of women. Getting a **mammogram** and breast exam only once is not enough. **The American Cancer Society** recommends that women get a mammogram and clinical breast examination **every year** beginning at age 40.

WHEREAS, A woman has the greatest chance of **successful treatment** if breast cancer is found at an early stage. **Early detection** practices are part of a good health routine. A good breast health **routine** includes a yearly mammogram, clinical breast examination and monthly breast self-examination.

WHEREAS, **Medicare** helps pay the cost of a yearly mammogram for women age 40 or older with Medicare Part B.

NOW, THEREFORE, In recognition of the important lifesaving early detection practices available for **Breast Cancer**, I, **Louis H. Bruni**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as **Webb County Judge**, and on behalf of the **Commissioner's Court**, do hereby proclaim **October 2003 as:**

"Breast Cancer Awareness Month"

In **Webb County, Texas** and urge all women to become aware that they are at risk and to discuss a screening program with their health care providers, I urge all citizens to encourage a woman they love to do so.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the **Official Seal of Texas** to be affixed on this **01st** day of **October, 2003**.

The Honorable Louis H. Bruni
Webb County Judge

The Honorable Jerry Vasquez
Commissioner Pct. 1

The Honorable Felix Velasquez
Commissioner Pct. 3

The Honorable Judith G. Gutierrez
Commissioner Pct. 2

The Honorable David R. Cortez
Commissioner Pct. 4